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1. On 4 January, 1952, the head of the Planning Department of the State Secretariat for Material Procurement in the State Planning Commission wrote to Kaulfuss, head of the Department for Planning of Goods Circulation in the State Planning Commission, complaining of the difficulties he was experiencing in covering the requirements of the SAGs for imported machinery in 1952. He explained that when the first request arrived very belatedly*, in November 1951 he had been obliged to list it under miscellaneous, for which he had a provision of 40,000,000 DM.
2. The full list, comprising some 600 items, had now reached him and although he had managed to get this reduced by appealing to the Import Reduction Commission, the total which remained was still too large. As his provision for miscellany had in the meantime been reduced from 40,000,000 to 21,000,000 DM (and in any case was supposed to be reserved for unforeseen contingencies), he had no alternative but to ask for a further credit of 18,000,000 DM. This sum included DM. 14,877,000 for machinery, DM. 500,000 for 87 various optical and precision instruments and DM. 475,000 for chemical products (methylene-chloride, PV dyes, stabilizers and lubricants) for SAG Kaustik. He asked for a quick decision in view of the impending negotiations for the import of machinery from Czechoslovakia.

* ☐ Comment: The date set by the State Planning Commission for the submission of 1952 estimates was 15 September 1951; the SAGs were, therefore, about three months late.

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